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Mr. E. J. Legge, President
The Empire Club of Canada
14 Elm Street
Toronto 2, Canada

Dear Mr. Legge:

Thank you most warmly for your letter of 26 June inviting me to speak at one of the luncheons of the Empire Club of Canada.

I sincerely regret that I cannot accept your very kind invitation. In view of my duties, it has been necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements generally to the various Government Service Schools and an infrequent outside address. Unfortunately, I cannot make additional commitments at this time.

I am most appreciative of your thoughtfulness in asking me to attend and wish that circumstances permitted my acceptance.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

W. Allen Dulles

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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26th June 1958

Air Mail

The Honourable Allan Dulles,
Director, The Central Intelligence Agency,
2430 E. Street N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

I am writing to you on behalf of The Empire Club of Canada which has existed for fifty-six years and is composed of twenty-five hundred of the leading business, professional and political men in Toronto. Our Club meets every Thursday at lunch from the second of October 1958 to the thirtieth of April 1959 and has provided a prominent forum for distinguished speakers on many facets of Canadian and International affairs.

In the past we have been addressed by: The Honourable Livingston Merchant, United States Ambassador to Canada; Mr. Arthur H. Sulzberger, Publisher of the New York Times; Mr. Clarence B. Randall; Mr. Henry Ford II; Mr. Eugene Black, President of International Bank of Reconstruction; Mr. R. J. Cordiner, President of General Electric, Mr. James Farley; Dr. Billy Graham and Mr. Walter Reuther.

At a time when Canadian and American relations are so vital to both our countries and to the welfare of the West in general, it would be very much appreciated if you could arrange to speak to The Empire Club of Canada on some American or international subject which you consider to be important.

I know that Canadians and particularly the members of the Empire Club would be enthusiastically interested in what you have to say and your subject would become a matter of permanent record in the Year Book of the Empire Club which is an authoritative Canadian reference source. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation also customarily carries the addresses given to our Club and we believe that you would be doing a worthwhile public service by speaking to us. I can assure you of the warmth of our welcome should you come to Toronto.

Yours very sincerely,

B. J. Legge
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President.